



URBAN DISTRICT
OF
PORTISHEAD

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1969

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HOUSING AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

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OFFICERS

Medical Officer of Health: Dr. Valerie N. Baker, M.B., Ch.B., D.R.C.O.G., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health: Dr. Olwyn K. Ockelford, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., D.C.H.

Public Health Inspector: Mr. S. Taylor, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Area Health Office,
2, Marson Road,
Clevedon.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Partishead Urban District Council.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1969.

The number of births dropped by 20 and the birthrate fell to below the national average for the first time for many years.

The death rate remains almost the same, a little higher than the national average.

There were two cases of paratyphoid fever in members of the same family returning from a holiday in Spain. Both recovered well and were free of infection after a few weeks. No secondary cases were found.

Again, dysentery affected many children in a residential nursery, in a mild form.

Measles notifications did not fall as dramatically as might be hoped for, due to the interruption of the vaccination programme by withdrawal of one make of vaccine. There was not sufficient vaccine available to immunise the susceptible children. However, now that the supply is adequate, I hope we shall see a permanent decrease in the number of cases notified.

Mr. S. Taylor has done most of the work described in this report and I am indebted to him, the other Officers and Councillors for their ever-ready cooperation.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

V. N. BAKER

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

STATISTICAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

General Statistics - 1969

Area	1,119 acres
Population (mid year estimate)	8,270
Area comparability factors	Births - 0.99 Deaths - 1.26
Rateable Value, 1st April 1969	£531,314
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£2,184

Vital Statistics for 1969

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population = 14.8
Legitimate	57	58	115	
Illegitimate	3	4	7	
Totals	60	62	122	
<u>Stillbirths</u>	0	0	0	Rate per 1,000 (live and still births) = 0
<u>Deaths</u>	45	37	82	Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population = 9.9

Illegitimate live births

Rate per cent of total live births = 6.0

Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion - 0

Death Rate of infants under one year of age

All infants per 1,000 live births	(total = 1) - 8
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	(total = 1) - 9
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	(total = 0) - 0
Neonatal mortality rate, deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	(total = 1) - 8
Early neonatal mortality rate, deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	(total = 1) - 8
Perinatal mortality rate, stillbirths and deaths under one week per 1,000 total live and still births	(total = 1) - 8

Vital Statistics - 1962-1969

Live Births

Year	<u>Legitimate</u>		<u>Illegitimate</u>		Total	Rate per 1,000 of the		
	Male	Female	Male	Female		<u>Estimated Resident Population</u>		England & Wales
						<u>Portishead</u>		
						<u>Crude</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>	
1962	79	70	1	5	155	-	23.0	18.0
1963	62	55	3	1	121	17.2	18.9	18.2
1964	60	67	5	1	133	18.7	20.6	18.4
1965	81	61	4	4	150	20.7	22.8	18.1
1966	84	71	11	4	155	21.0	23.1	17.7
1967	55	68	5	5	133	17.8	19.6	17.2
1968	80	57	5	0	142	18.2	18.2	16.9
1969	57	58	3	4	122	14.8	14.7	16.3

The adjusted birth rate, is the crude rate multiplied by the area comparability factor, which adjusts the age and sex distribution of the population to correspond with those of England and Wales. The same applies to the adjusted death rate.

Stillbirths

Year	Male	Female	Total	Rate per 1,000 live and	
				<u>stillbirths</u>	
				<u>Portishead</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
1962	0	3	3	19.0	18.1
1963	0	1	1	8.2	17.3
1964	1	0	1	7.5	16.4
1965	1	1	2	13.3	15.7
1966	0	1	1	6.4	15.7
1967	0	0	0	0	14.8
1968	0	0	0	0	14.0
1969	0	0	0	0	13.0

Vital Statistics - 1962-69

Deaths

Year	Male	Female	Total	Rate per 1,000 of the Estimated Resident Population		
				<u>Portishead</u>		England & Wales
				Crude	Adjusted	
1962	35	30	65	-	9.7	11.9
1963	38	39	77	11.2	12.4	12.2
1964	42	33	75	10.5	12.0	11.3
1965	41	34	75	10.3	11.0	11.5
1966	36	46	82	11.1	12.4	11.7
1967	40	35	75	10.0	11.3	11.2
1968	49	38	87	11.2	13.8	11.9
1969	45	37	82	9.9	12.5	11.9

	Death Rate of all infants per 1,000 live births		Death Rate under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 total live births		Death Rate of infants under one week of age & stillbirths per 1,000 total live & stillbirths	
	<u>Portishead England & Wales</u>		<u>Portishead England & Wales</u>		<u>Portishead England & Wales</u>	
1962	0	21.6	0	15.1	19.0	30.8
1963	24.8	20.9	24.8	14.2	32.8	29.3
1964	7.5	20.0	7.5	13.8	14.9	28.2
1965	0	19.0	0	13.0	13.3	26.9
1966	12.9	19.0	12.9	12.9	12.8	26.3
1967	15.0	18.3	8.0	12.5	8.0	25.4
1968	14.0	18.0	14.0	12.3	14.0	25.0
1969	8.0	18.0	8.0	12.0	8.0	23.0

POPULATION

Year	Estimated mid-year population	Total increase from previous year	Natural increase	Net Immigration
1962	6,730	-	-	-
1963	7,040	310	44	266
1964	7,130	90	58	32
1965	7,260	130	75	55
1966	7,370	110	73	37
1967	7,490	120	58	62
1968	7,790	300	55	245
1969	8,270	480	40	440

CAUSES OF DEATH - 1969

	Sex	Total Under 4 Weeks											
		all	4	& under 1- 5- 15- 25- 35- 45- 55- 65- 75+									
		Ages	Weeks	1 year									
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other malignant neoplasms	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	1
Avitaminoses, etc.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	6	4
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4
Other forms of Heart Disease	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8
	F	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Influenza	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Asthma	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cirrhosis of Liver	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Birth Injury, difficult labour, etc.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other accidents	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Total all causes	M	45	-	-	-	1	-	1	5	4	13	21	
	F	37	1	-	-	1	1	1	2	3	7	21	

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Scarlet Fever	1	1	5	2	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	29	2	-	-	2	-	3
Measles	-	54	3	47	-	93	4	67
Tuberculosis, respiratory	5	6	1	-	2	-	-	3
non-respiratory	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	1	1	-	-	24	24	-	30
Acute pneumonia	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	not
Erysipelas	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	notifiable
Food poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (Section 47) and AMENDMENT ACT, 1951

A woman suffering from grave chronic disease and in need of daily help, who was removed from her home in 1967, continues to live in hospital.

WATER SUPPLY

There was a noticeable decrease in the total hardness of the public water supply following the coming into operation of the water softening plant early in the year. It is hoped that further decreases in the hardness will be effected during the coming year.

9 samples of treated water were tested either bacteriologically or chemically and all were satisfactory.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Most of the Urban District is sewered, except for a small number of individual isolated dwellings.

Eleven dwellings in Lower Down Road were converted from cesspit to main drainage at a cost of £2,300.

Storm relief sewers were in the process of construction at Station Road and the High Street, at costs of £8,000 and £6,500 respectively.

The possibility of a Gordano Valley Sewerage scheme in conjunction with Long Ashton Rural District Council is still being considered.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A weekly collection of household refuse continues to operate. Trade refuse is collected at an agreed charge. A paper sack system was extended in part of the area during the year and is proving quite successful.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

	<u>Type of Property</u>	
	<u>Non-Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
Number of properties in district	2,882	5
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	55	-
Number infested by (i) Rats	35	-
(ii) Mice	-	-
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notifications	10	-
Number infested by (i) Rats	6	-
(ii) Mice	3	-

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

Smoke and sulphur dioxide pollution in the area has been much the same as in the past few years. Pollution from domestic chimneys has been greater due to the increase in the number of houses built during the year. Towards the end of the year, there was a shortage of solid smokeless fuels and so more bituminous coal was burnt with resultant increase in smoke pollution. There was an increase in the number of complaints concerning grit and smuts from the local power station - the fuel supplied to the plant was of a poor quality. Although the phosphorus factory had to recommence production after having been closed down for a few months, there were far fewer complaints concerning fume emission than in previous years.

HOUSING

Number of houses demolished or closed -

- (a) under section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957 (individual unfits) - 2
- (b) for other purposes (road improvements etc.) - 2

Number of houses made fit during year - 2

Housing Act, 1957 - Slum Clearance 1970-73

	1970	1971	1972	1973
1. Part III Houses in areas to be declared	-	-	-	-
Houses to be cleared	-	-	-	-
2. Part II Houses likely to be subject to demolition or closing orders	12	2	9	4

	<u>Houses erected during year</u>		<u>Houses in course of erection</u>		<u>Gained from conversion of large houses or buildings into flats or dwellings</u>	<u>Lost from conversion of two or more houses to one</u>
	For slum clearance purposes	For other purposes	For slum clearance purposes	For other purposes		

Local Authority	-	-	18	-	-	-
Private Enterprise	-	207*	-	139+	2	1

* Includes 13 flats by Housing Association

+ Includes 30 flats by Housing Association

Number of post-war houses erected from 1st April 1945 to 31st December 1969 -

By local authority - 619 By private enterprise - 1,142

Local authority housing programme - 1970 - 20 houses, 4 flats
 1971 - 38 maisonettes
 1972 - 6 old persons bungalows
 12 4-bedroomed houses

Number of temporary housing units occupied - (i) Prefabs - Nil
 (ii) Huts etc. - Nil

Number of houses found overcrowded - 16

HOUSING (cont.)

Houses required:

(i)	To replace houses scheduled for demolition	-	8
(ii)	To abate overcrowding	-	16
(iii)	For other purposes	-	0
(iv)	Applications for council houses at end of year		
	(a) Urgent bona fide cases	-	3
	(b) Applications for Old People's Dwellings	-	4
	(c) Others	-	<u>68</u>

Total applications 75

(v) Total number of council houses sold during year - 3

Number of Permanent Dwellings in District as at 31.12.68 (a)	<u>Gained</u>			Total (a) & (b)	<u>Lost</u>				Number of Permanent Dwellings in District as at 31.12.69	
	a.Erected	b.Conversion c.Council houses sold to P.E.during 1969 (b)	Total (a) & (b)		Less houses					
	a.Demolished				b.Closed					
					c.Sold during 1969					
					d.Conversion					
A	B	C		A	B	C	D			
L.A.	768*	9	-	-	777	-	-	3	-	774+
P.E.	1759	207	2	3	1971	4	-	9	1	1957
Totals	2527	216	2	3	2748	4	-	12	1	2731

* Includes 99 privately-built houses purchased by the Council - 12 during 1968

+ Includes 105 privately-built houses purchased by the Council - 9 during 1969

OLD PEOPLE'S DWELLINGS

Number erected to 31.12.69
With County Without County
Council Aid Council Aid
66 -

Number in course of erection
With County Without County
Council Aid Council Aid
- -

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

<u>Up to August 1969</u>				<u>After August 1969</u>				
<u>Received</u>		<u>Approved</u>		<u>Received</u>		<u>Approved</u>		
Appli- cations	No.of Dwel- lings	Appli- cations	No.of Dwel- lings	Appli- cations	No.of Dwel- lings	Applica- tions	No.of Dwell- ings	
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Improvement Grants	3	4	3	4	6	6	5	5
Standard Grants	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3
Special Grants	-	-	-	-				

With only two exceptions, all the applications were from owner-occupiers.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Seasonal</u>
(a) Number of single caravans licensed	Nil	Nil
(b) Number of site licences issued in respect of more than one caravan	1	Nil
(c) Estimated maximum number of occupants resident during year	35	Nil
(d) Number of sites closed as a result of above Act	Nil	Nil
(e) Camping sites - number of unlicensed sites in use	Nil	Nil

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

	<u>Water</u>		<u>Treatment</u>		<u>Chlorination</u>	
	Main	Sea Other	Recirculation	Filtration	Automatic	Hand
Battery Point	Both	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
National Nautical School	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

18 samples were taken from Battery Point Pool and all were satisfactory.

Temperature, pH and chlorine residual tests are carried out twice daily at the Battery Point Pool and all records are kept. Work on a new oil-fired heating plant for the local authority pool was commenced and should be in operation for the 1970 season.

AGRICULTURAL (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956

The four farms in the area comply with the provisions of the Act concerning sanitary conveniences. They were all inspected.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Number of premises registered under the Act - 84

78 visits were made and some informal notices were served, resulting in the desired improvements. No legal proceedings were instituted.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS

There are no animal boarding establishments in Portishead.

FOOD

MILK

- (a) Number of Registered Distributors - 8
- (b) Number of Registered Dairy Premises (other than dairy farms) - 0

Notices served under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959 - Nil

ICE CREAM

Number of premises registered for:

- (a) Manufacture and retail - Nil
- (b) Manufacture only - Nil
- (c) Retail only - 31

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS

Regular routine inspections were carried out. Every opportunity was taken to encourage and teach food handlers the need for thorough care and cleanliness. Warnings were given regarding proper rotation of refrigerated and prepacked foods. There was one case of a beetle found in bread and a potato in a tin of blackberries - insufficient reliable evidence to institute legal proceedings but severe warnings were given to shopkeepers, both of whom were in a neighbouring district.

Food premises subject to the above Regulations:

- (i) Number of premises - 68
- (ii) Number of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 16 - 68
- (iii) Number of premises to which Reg. 19 applies - 40
- (iv) Number of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19 - 40

THE SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS (PREVENTION OF CRUELTY) REGULATIONS

Action taken during the year - Nil.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT

No slaughterhouses are owned or leased by the Local Authority. There are no private slaughterhouses, or bacon factories.

PREMISES WHERE FOOD IS PREPARED

Number registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 (ice cream, manufactured meat products, etc.) - 9

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

1. Part I of the Act

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by L.A.s	10	14	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec.7 is enforced by local authority	21	32	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by local authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	22	40	-	-
	53	86	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found:

<u>Particulars</u>	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	1	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	4	3	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	-	1	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
	9	7	-	2	-

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork (Sections 133 and 134) - nil

